

Searching for Financial Assistance Online



Keep the following tips in mind when using the Internet or scholarship search organizations to find student financial assistance for education and training after high school:

- ★ Ask about possible sources of financial assistance in your local community and state, such as businesses, community groups, schools, and religious and civic organizations.
- ★ Your local library may have scholarship books available in the reference section.
- ★ Be cautious of scholarship scams. Visit the Federal Trade Commission online at www.ftc.gov for more information.
- ★ You should not be required to provide credit card information to use a free scholarship search.
- ★ Many online financial assistance search services request information about you, so they can find financial assistance programs for which you may be eligible. Some of these companies may send you information about other services that they provide or sell your information to another company. Read the fine print carefully.
- ★ Many online financial assistance search services list some of the same programs; however, the more services you use, the greater your chances of finding additional programs.
- ★ If you are interested in federal student loans, contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend and ask about the process to apply for student loans.

Online Search Tools

American Indian College Fund www.collegefund.org/faq.shtml: Financial assistance to attend tribal colleges

American Indian Higher Education Consortium www.aihec.org: Scholarship information for Native American students

Back to College Resources for Re-Entry Students www.back2college.com: Scholarship information for adult and returning students, minorities, women, and graduate and professional students

College Connection www.collegescholarships.com: Free scholarship information page

College Fund/UNCF www.unitednegrocollegefund.org: Scholarships for students who attend United Negro College Fund colleges and universities

College Link www.collegelink.com/clnk/customize/: Scholarship database that does not require personal information

CollegeNet Mach 25 www.collegenet.com: Scholarship database

EDUPREP www.eduprep.com: Scholarship database, ACT/SAT preparation, college admissions information, and admissions essay assistance

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Fastaid www.fastaid.com: Private sector scholarship database

FastWEB www.fastweb.com: Scholarship search and tips on careers, financial assistance, and finding a college

Free Scholarship Search Information Service (FreSch!) www.freschinfo.com: References 169,938 scholarship awards, special area for adult learners

GOCOLLEGE www.gocollege.com: Searches the databases of more than 8,000 funding sources and 600,000 individual awards

Graduate School Fellowship Notebook www.cuinfo.cornell.edu/Student/GRFN: Database of fellowships for graduate students

Guide to Hispanic Financial Aid Opportunities www.hispanicscholarship.com: Scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance for Hispanic students

Hispanic College Fund www.hispanicfund.org: Scholarships for Hispanic undergraduate students majoring in business

Military.com Scholarship Search www.military.com/Careers/Education/ScholarshipSearch: Financial assistance for the military community

Scholarly Societies Project www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/subjects_soc.html: Locates scholarships by academic field of study

Scholarship Page www.scholarship-page.com: Search for scholarships by keyword or browse list

Scholarship Resource Network Express www.srnexpress.com: Searchable database of private-sector, non-need-based assistance

Scholarships.com www.scholarships.com: Scholarship search

Study Abroad Scholarships for Undergraduate Students www.istc.umn.edu: Financial assistance for undergraduate students studying in other countries

Wired Scholar www.wiredscholar.com: Financial assistance database; college preparation, selection, and application information